Guidelines for Sterilization

*306. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued certain guidelines in October, 1999 prescribing standards for sterilization;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to find out whether these guidelines are being implemented; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide basic facilities for sterilization in each of the Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres in the country especially in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The Standards for Male and Female Sterilization have been issued in October, 1999.

(b) These guidelines have been distributed to all the State/UT Governments with directions to send the guidelines to all the PHCs/ CHCs/Services Providers for strict compliance. Instructions are reiterated periodically to make officials aware of these guidelines and their significance; and to ensure that these are fully complied with.

(c) The steps taken by the Government in this regard are as follows:—

- Equipment is supplied for conducting sterilization operation at PHCs and First Referral Units (FRUs) centres. There is no provision for conducting sterilization operations at sub-centres.
- Laparoscopes are provided to the State Governments for performing Laparoscopic Sterilization.
- No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) Kits are being provided to all service Providers/trained Personnel for performing No Scalpel Vasectomy, *i.e.* Male Sterilization.
- Provision for payment of compensation for acceptors of Sterilization, in lieu of loss of wages, has been made.

- 165 Laproscopic Training Centres and 16 Centres of Excellence, to provide training to Medical Officers in Sterilization, are in operation. Out of this, 16 Laproscopic training centres and one Centre of Excellence are functioning in the State of Orissa.

1354 doctors have been trained in No Scalpel Vasectomy technique at 463 training camps throughout the country since 1998 to December, 2002. Of these, 35 doctors are from Orissa.

Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda

*307. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI LALU PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 46770 I.E.Ms. (Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda) signed during the post liberalisation period, only 138 have been filed for Bihar which accounts for 0.30 per cent of the national figure.

(b) whether it is a fact that the corresponding figure for Maharashtra stands at 20.38 per cent, for Gujarat 12.81 per cent, for Tamil Nadu 8.59 per cent and for Uttar Pradesh 8.84 per cent;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to correct this imbalance in order to ensure equitable economic growth throughout the country; and

(d) if so, how and by when?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the figures quoted are for the period August 1991 to October 2002. The trend broadly continues till June 2003.

(c) and (d) Locational decision to set up industry depends on the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur which, in turn, depends upon various factors including availability of necessary resources & infrastructure facilities, and investment climate.

The State Governments have a major role in promoting industrial development in their respective states. The Government of India through policy and programme interventions strives to create an enabling environment for industrial development.